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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR JOINING AT LEAST TWO WORKPIECES BY FRICTION STIR WELDING

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1. Specification including 11 pages with 12 claims, 2 drawings
2. Declaration and Power of Attorney
3. Recordation Cover Sheet and Assignment
4. Certified Copy of Basic German application to follow
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